

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Rick Jore, on March 30, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 137 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Rick Jore, Chairman (C)
Rep. Roger Koopman, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Holly Raser, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. John Ward (R)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Michael Lange (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 129, 3/21/2007; SB 225,
3/19/2007
Executive Action: SB 335; SB 23; SB 266; SJR 4
SB 89

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 335

00:02:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Raser moved that **SB 335 BE CONCURRED IN. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by roll call vote with Reps. Koopman, Everett and Lange voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 23

00:04:00 **Motion:** Rep. Raser moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION AND REMOVE SB 23 FROM A TABLE VOTE.**

Discussion:

00:04:33 Rep. Butcher
00:04:39 Rep. Raser
00:05:17 Chairman Jore
00:05:34 Rep. Wilmer

00:05:50 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 8-4 by roll call present and voting vote with Reps. Blasdel, Butcher, Jore, and Lake voting no.

HEARING ON SB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:17 Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 129, Revise truancy laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:23 Sharon Patten Griffin, Associate Principal, Great Falls
00:16:02 Irene Wells, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, Great Falls School District
00:20:50 Det. James Kaiser, Resource Officer, North Middle School, Great Falls
00:25:31 Rep. Jesse O'Hara, HB 18, Great Falls
00:26:21 Kathy Little, Alliance for Youth, North Middle School and Missouri River Boys Home, Great Falls
00:29:33 Cindy Duffy, High School English Teacher, Great Falls
00:35:15 Pat Volkmar, Industrial Shop Teacher, Great Falls
00:36:28 Kathy Firman, Great Falls Public School, Alternative Attendance Center (Paris Gibson Middle School)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

00:36:36 Rep. Everett arrived at hearing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:05 Rep. Ward
00:39:50 Det. James Kaiser
00:41:01 Rep. Cordier
00:42:17 Sharon Patten Griffin
00:47:24 Rep. Ward
00:48:12 Sen. Schmidt
00:51:38 Rep. Raser
00:53:29 Sharon Patten Griffin
00:55:09 Rep. Raser
00:56:19 Kathy Little
00:58:08 Rep. Lake
00:59:02 Sen. Schmidt
01:03:23 Chairman Jore
01:03:38 Rep. Butcher
01:05:19 Sharon Patten Griffin
01:17:13 Rep. O'Hara
01:18:01 Rep. Bixby
01:20:51 Sharon Patten Griffin

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:22 Sen. Trudi Schmidt

HEARING ON SB 225

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:28:14 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 225, May choose new mill levy election date after legislative session.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:46 Lance Melton, Montana Schools Boards Association
01:36:47 Bud Williams, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction
01:38:02 Bruce Messinger, Superintendent of Helena Public Schools
01:39:56 Terry Minow, MEA/MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:40:27 Linda Brannan, representing Montana Association of School Business Officials

01:40:36 Rep. Lake left the hearing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:06 Rep. Cordier
01:41:58 Bruce Messinger
01:42:38 Rep. Butcher
01:43:22 Lance Melton
01:45:25 Rep. Butcher
01:46:28 Lance Melton
01:48:23 Chairman Jore

Closing by Sponsor:

01:49:03 Sen. Lynda Moss

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89

01:53:53 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:54:27 **Motion:** Rep. Koopman moved that **SB 89 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(edh68a01)

Discussion:

01:54:54 Rep. Koopman
01:56:03 Rep. Ward

01:57:03 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with
Reps. Lake and Lange voting by proxy.

01:57:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 89 BE**
CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED unanimously by
voice vote with Reps. Lake and Lange voting by proxy.
Rep. Raser will carry SB 89.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 4

01:58:59 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SJR 4 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

01:59:12 Rep. Ward
01:59:27 Rep. Hamilton

02:00:16 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with
Reps. Lake and Lange voting by proxy. Rep. Everett will
carry SJR 4.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 266

02:01:23 **Motion:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 266 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:01:50 Rep. Grinde
02:02:20 Rep. Koopman
02:03:41 Rep. Ward

02:03:46 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 13-2 by voice vote with Reps. Jore and Koopman voting no and Reps. Lake and Lange voting by proxy.

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(edh68a02)

Pertaining to SJ 16 heard in Committee on March 26, 2007

EXHIBIT(edh68a03)

and

EXHIBIT(edh68a04)

Pertaining to SB 123 heard in Committee on March 21, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:30 P.M.

REP. RICK JORE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

RJ/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([edh68aad.pdf](#))